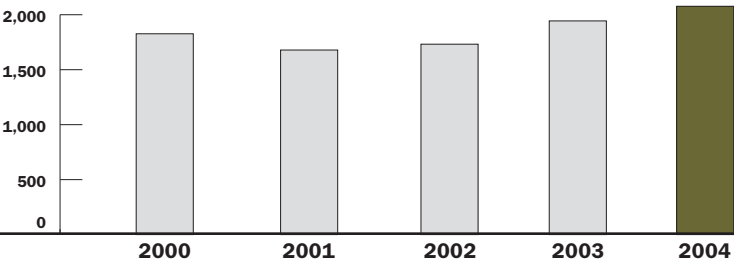


# Bay Area Ports See Healthy Growth in Both Container and Bulk Cargo Sectors

- The volume of cargo handled by the Bay Area’s four largest seaports increased by healthy margins in 2004. The amount of container cargo shipped through the ports of Oakland and San Francisco grew by 7 percent, and the volume of bulk freight passing through these ports, plus the ports of Richmond and Redwood City, jumped 23 percent. *(Note: Bulk marine cargo also passes through the Port of Benicia, but in substantially smaller volumes than at the four largest ports. This report does not include data from the Port of Benicia.)*
- In the Bay Area, container cargo trends are driven by the Port of Oakland, which accounts for nearly 99 percent of container cargo in the region. In 2004, the number of containers processed by the Oakland port increased 6 percent, passing the 2 million mark for the first time. Since 2000, container traffic at the Port of Oakland has increased by 15 percent. Goods imported in containers include electronics, toys and cloth. Container exports include agriculture products, scrap metal, waste paper and electronics from the Silicon Valley.

Container Marine Cargo at Bay Area Seaports, 2000–2004

Seaport	Thousands of TEU <sup>1</sup> Containers					Percent Change	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2003–2004	2000–2004
Oakland	1,777	1,644	1,708	1,923	2,045	+6%	+15%
San Francisco	50	35	24	21	32	+53%	–36%
Total	1,827	1,679	1,732	1,944	2,077	+7%	+14%



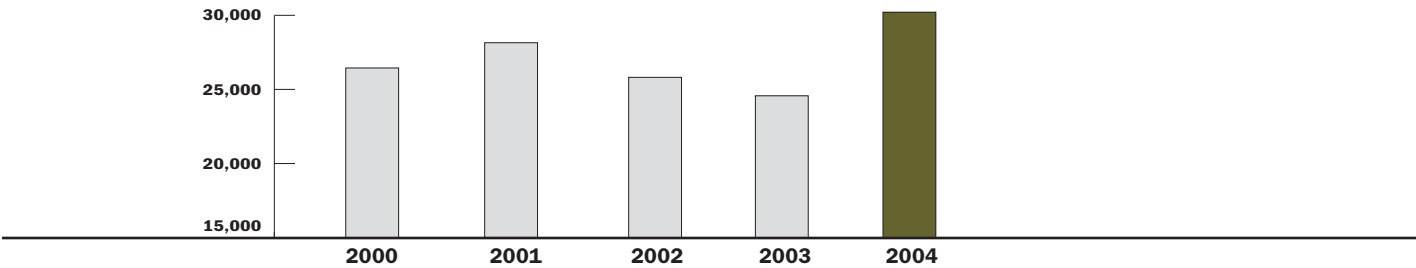
Sources: Ports of Oakland and San Francisco  
<sup>1</sup>TEU = Twenty-foot equivalent

- In contrast to container cargo, which has grown steadily since the double-whammy year (dot-com bust and September 11th terrorist attacks) of 2001, Bay Area bulk cargo suffered declines in both 2002 and 2003. In 2004, the volume of bulk cargo jumped by 23 percent, reversing this downward trend and climbing to the highest level of the last five years.
- The bump in bulk cargo volume was due largely to growth at the Port of Richmond, which handles roughly 80 percent of the region's bulk sea cargo. Bulk cargo shipments at the Port of Richmond increased 25 percent to over 25 million tons. As well, bulk cargo shipments

increased significantly (11 percent and 31 percent, respectively) at the ports of San Francisco and Redwood City. Only the Port of Oakland saw a decrease in volume, and this by only 1 percent. Over the five-year period from 2000 to 2004, the total amount of sea cargo shipped through the ports of Richmond, Redwood City, San Francisco and Oakland increased by 14 percent.

### Bulk Marine Cargo at Bay Area Seaports 2000–2004

Seaport	Thousands of Tons of Bulk Cargo					Percent Change	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2003–2004	2000–2004
Richmond	22,541	24,185	21,977	20,269	25,313	+25%	+12%
Redwood City	1,102	1,124	1,016	1,509	1,977	+31%	+79%
San Francisco	942	925	1,379	1,364	1,518	+11%	+61%
Oakland	1,861	1,902	1,445	1,441	1,424	–1%	–23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,446</b>	<b>28,136</b>	<b>25,817</b>	<b>24,583</b>	<b>30,232</b>	<b>+23%</b>	<b>+14%</b>



Sources: Ports of Oakland, Redwood City, Richmond, San Francisco  
 Note: One ton = 2,000 pounds